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### ARTICLES FORTHCOMING.

TO AND THROUGH WEST POINT.

BY CAPT. FREE S. BOWLEY.

Our readers who have enjoyed in the exclusively for THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE. It is needless to remark that the author of "A Boy Lieutenant in a Black Regiment" (which was published last year in THE

The character of the article is fully described in the title. Capt. Bowley directs a boy exactly how to proceed, step by step, to prepare for and secure an appointment to the Military Academy at West Point. Lotoriously weak. Then he details one stage after the other. the life of the cadet as he passes through the various classes of the institution and finally receives his diploma and an appointment as an officer in the Regular Army of the United States.

of intense interest.

#### THE SUMMERVALE BRABBLE.

BY HON, ALBION W. TOURGEE.

Another brilliant serial which will run several months has been secured for THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE from Comrade Albion W. Tourgee. It is entitled "The Summervale Brabble." It is a story of American mix-ups. The scene is laid at Chautauqua and thereabouts.

As the author of "A Fool's Errand," have only to see the announcement of his ministerial officer can be. se as the author of a forthcoming se rial to feel sure of a glorious literary treat.

Judge Tourgee is now United States Consul at Bordeaux, France. He was a gallant Union soldier and is a veteran of "The Summervale Brabble" will ap-

pear exclusively in the columns of THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE.

WHILE we are all talking so earnestly about "preserving China's integrity," won't China please do a little to show that she has any integrity to preserve?

THE bicycle seems to be more than holding its own in France. Last year the wheels, as against 203,026 in 1892-1894.

A TENESSEE woman killed her son because he smoked. The remedy was some eration. what violent, it is true, but think of the

GEN. Joe Wheeler is one of the Demo erats emphatically opposed to surrender Spain.

Now for the stories of the men who did it and revelations of the shrewd and able manner in which they turned the current of disaster into the tide of victory.

HAWAH seems to have had a remarkable boom since annexation. Then her population was 89,990. Now the census finds 154,001.

THESE suicides of prominent Chinese Mandarins would be more readily be lieved if a few corpses decorated with yellow flackets and double-eyed peacock's feathers were put in evidence.

IDAHO stands next to Nevada with the smallest population, being still behind Delaware, which has 184,735 people to Idaho's 161,771. But Idaho has nearly doubled her population in 10 years, while Delaware increased hers only 16,242.

FROM the way every branch of manufacturing in Eugland is going into trusts the remedy proposed in this country of other diseases in camp." taking the tariff off trust-produced goods Riders have applied for pensions? would simply be changing from an American to a British trust.

### WORK OF THE PENSION BUREAU.

The week ended Oct. 27 was a fairly rood one in the Pension Bureau, with a total of 1,900 certificates issued, as against 2,160 for the previous week, and 2,706 for the week ending Oct. 13. The "Do you think that two millions and a main falling off was in the increases, quarter dollars will cover the pensions anwhich declined from 1,130 three weeks ago, to 593 last week. The original alpension list grows for a number of years lowances, which are important as at last after the close of a war. But lots of the giving something to long-waiting applicants, kept up very well, being 984, as

THE COURT OF PENSION APPEALS, Now that the election is over we can urn our attention to the Court of Pension Appeals, proposed by the National G. A. R. Committee on Pensions, and in-

dorsed by the National Encampment. This was not merely a device to pacify the comrades until after election, as many have charged. Nor has it wholly reference to the lamentable condition of things in the Pension Bureau, as is generally supposed. Mr. Evans's course has sim ply brought to a head that which has been fermenting in the minds of many thinking comrades for years.

What pensioners and applicants for pensions have suffered most from in public opinion is the too general belief that too much discretion is given the Commissioner in adjudicating claims. The soldier-hating press and orators have industriously cultivated the idea that pensions have been given without reference to law or evidence, by too partial Commissioners. Thousands of columns have been printed in the New York Herald, Times, Evening Post and World, and papers imitating them, charging that such Commissioners as Dudley, Tanner and Raum shuffled out pensions to whoever asked for them, regardless of the deserving of the claimants, and that this practice was most flagrant on the approach of elections, and in States that were doubtful. That there was not shadow of truth upon which to base such allegations did not abate in the least the fierceness of these charges. It was good enough campaign stuff, and it was always available for an attack on a Re-

publican Administration. The unwearied reiteration of these past the stories and sketches from the charges, year after year, made many peopen of Capt. Free S. Bowley will be de- ple, even those most friendly to the vetlighted to know that we have received a erans, begin to believe that there was new serial under the above title, written much truth in them. The more or less Republican papers in New York and Philadelphia, like the New York Tribune and the Philadelphia Press, never had the NATIONAL TRIBUNE) could not write a knowledge of the subject sufficient to confute these charges, and were too indifferent to acquire it. Possibly they really lacked the ability to do so, for the editorials of those papers have been for years

Now, it is hoped and expected by the establishment of the Court of Pension Appeals to remove any reproach of personal or political favoritism from the pension roll, and place it, and every name upon Parents who have growing sons with it, upon the high and unassailable ground military ambition, and boys themselves of a judicial decision. This will be done elect, 224. similarly inclined, will find these articles by having a tribunal of the dignity of a United States Circuit Court interpret the pension laws, and lay down rules for the guidance of the Commissioner of Pensions which he will be compelled to follow. It does not imply for an instant that every case will have to come before the Court of Pension Appeals, nor even that any great number of them will. The jority of at least 47.

They have made gains almost everywhere, kill yourselves, and be done with it. Don't stand around and nurse yourselves. Serg't Dye, where are your eyes? Keep those men moving. Don't pile those anchors there on the forecastle. Don't you see the boat's life, involving many strange people who Secretary of the Interior in passing upon have curious ups and downs and family any disputed question, and being a Court, made up of trained jurists, speaking with the force and effect of a high tribunal, "Bricks Without Straw," and many other will be more far-reaching and efficacious by the Department Commander G. A. R. much noise and confusion down there. works of national reputation, our readers than the rulings and decisions of any mere and the Department President W. R. C.,

> at once cut to pieces the web of circumlocution which has been painstakingly elaborated to keep a claimant out of his claim unfil he dies, or until some one on the pension roll dies and makes a place for

that the Commissioner must not infer that it really intended some other letter of the alphabet. It would decide that laws were passed with the purpose of being carried out, and that the Commissioner who invented obstructions and discovered Government collected tax on 836,856 purposes in the law that were never intended was perverting his functions-that he was there to carry out the law, and not to hunt up pretexts for thwarting its op-

The next great gain would be that when the Court decided that a class of claims were legal and should be paid, the Administration would be absolved from any responsibility as to the amount it would ing any of the fruits of the war with take from the Treasury. The Administration could not be charged with extravagance in paying the Court's awards, nor their friends and acquaintances. could it get any credit for economy by neglecting to pay them. It would have no interest in the matter, one way or the other, any more than it has now in the judgments by the Court of Claims, or the than a nickel. Supreme Court.

## AN INDISCREET CLERK

Not a little bubbub was created in the Interior Department last week by ap-railroad man of pronounced ability for or pearance in the New Orleans Times-Democrat of an interview with Walter J. Brooks, Assistant Chief Clerk of the Pension Bureau. The interview ran in this

"The applications for pensions from those engaged in the Spanish war are coming in fast," said Mr. Brooks. "The Bureau has already filed 30,000 applications, and they are still coming in. Over 50 per cent, of the members of the Dis-50 per cent, of the members of the Dis-trict of Columbia regiment have filed ap-

plications for pensions."
"How many of those men were wound-"Not one, so far as I know. Most of

them claim that they have been perma-nently injured by contracting fever or "What percentage of Roosevelt's Rough

"I cannot tell you; I haven't the statistics on that regiment." "About what will be the aggregate sum paid out annually for these 30,000 pen-

"Oh, there won't be 30.00 pension granted. I should say that not more than 50 per cent. of the applications will be acted upon favorably. But about 15,000 "Do you think that two millions and a

men who have applied for pensions are young men who have nothing whatever cants, kept up very well, being 984, as compared to 944 and 935 for the preceding weeks.

cants, kept up very well, being 984, as the matter with them. The examinations of our surgeons clearly show that. All they have is 'pension fever,' and that is a bad complaint. When a man has it he

usually has it in a violent form, and it becomes chronic with him."
"How about the pensions for those engaged in the Philippine war?"
"They are just beginning to come in. I suppose they will come in rapidly soon, but it is too early for them yet. We are not pushing the Spanish way deline yet. not pushing the Spanish war claims very fast. Most of the applicants are young men and they do not need the pensions very hadly. Of course, they will get their pensions from the day their applications are filed, but we are in no hurry to grant them. It is the feeling at the Pension Bureau that it is not a good thing for the young men to draw pensions. It makes them lazy, and is not good for them morally.

Such talk as this, on the eve of election, was exceedingly disturbing. Of course, Mr. Brooks denied that he had ever said anything of the kind, but the internal evidence was too strong. It was clear also that he was reflecting the sentiments of the Pension Bureau, There was talk that the indignant Commissioner had demanded the resignation of a clerk who had no more sense than to tell the truth, but the affair seems to have blown

THE ELECTION. The result of the election was a surprise even to the most sanguine. No one have possibly anticipated such things as 100,000 majority for McKinley in Illinois, 250,000 in Penusylvania, 160,-000 in New York, 80,000 in Wisconsin, At this writing (Wednesday morn ing) the poll seems to stand:

FOR Me	KINLEY.
Connecticut         6           Delaware         3           Illinois         24           Indiana         15           Iowa         13           Kansas         10           Maine         6           Maryland         8           Massachusetts         15           Michigan         14           Minnesota         9	Pennsylvania Rhode Island. South Dakota Vermont Washington West Virginia Wisconsin Wyoming
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	BRYAN.
Alabama	Nevada North Carolina. South Carolina. Tennessee Texas Utah Virginia

Electoral vote in 1896-McKinley, 271;

The result in the House is no less surprising. In the present House the Republicans have a scant majority of 7.

Bryanism was buried under a snowslide of public condemnation.

THE TEXAS SUFFERERS.

and indorsed by the Commander-in-Chief the National President W. R. C.

Commander Peck accompanies the appeal with some words of explanation. All to their destination and establish some branches." sort of a home there. All that they had door Shorty had watched the scene of in-

their relatives and friends. has been generously sent from all parts of the country they will not fare so well way appeared. as the natives and older settlers, because this distribution will be naturally in the bands of remaining the solution will be naturally in the low voice, so as not to reach the Colonel's look most carefully after cases among

Therefore the veterans and their fam ilies are doubly our care. Every veteran, wife, widow and son and daughter of a veteran, should give something, if no more to the

The Department of Texas is fortunate in having at this juncture a capable, farseeing business man for its Commander. Comrade Chas. B. Peck is a prominent ganization and details, and he is handling the situation with great skill, so that the comrades can have every confidence that their contributions will be well applied. In a private letter to us he says:

"We have received thus far about \$2, oursed, and has rendered great assistance f you could witness the gratitude of the or comrades, their wives and children it the succor that is being given them you rould feel well repaid for the noble effort you have made. We need and have got to have continued aid for three or our months, and I hope that you will eep the matter before our people. Think f our membership, and if each one would onate the price of a drink or of a ciga where is the comrade that would ot?) to these poor people they will be saved much wretchedness, rescue their homes from the creditor's grip, and not become waifs upon the charity of a gen-erous but somewhat forgetful people."

### TEXAS CONTRIBUTIONS.

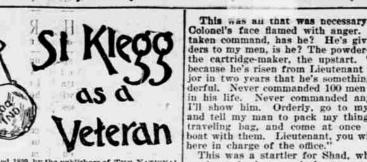
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same the sooner we're away from here the better. Everybody get the liveliest kind of a move on himself. Dye, you go back aboard the boat, and after the Ma-jor has blown off his steam bring him over to that decked flatboat there, which is our wharf-boat. You see that it's clear all around it. We keep it so. He can have no excuse about bumping against other boats. Then you take charge of the loading as the stuff comes. Si you take loading as the stuff comes. Si, you take the men over to the cars, and load it on to the wagons that I'll send you, and rush it over to the wharf-boat. I'll take a little cout around and see how things are workand be with you as soon as possible, Whenever 100 healthy, stalwart young Indianians get up a full head of steam for a job on which their hearts are set, they can accomplish wonders in an hour. By that time they had unloaded the whole of the pontoon stuff from the cars onto the wagons, and transferred it to the decks of the Lorena. Si distributed Harry Joslyn and Monty Scruggs along the road, where they encouraged the teamsters to rapid work by animated language, supplementing these with brickbats when language did not seem to be adequate. Sandy, Pete Skidmore and some of the lighter weights played pitch-and-catch in transferring the smaller articles, while Si led the stronger bodied in a fierce assault upon the timbers, frames, bales, cordage and anchors. In an hour they did the work that would have been a half-day's task for men working

ordinarily. glowing with the rapid exertion When when, glowing with the surface of the work so quickly, Si, hat, canteen, have created and blanket-roll in his left hand, his blouse and overcoat thrown over his left arm, and mopping his hot face with his right followed the last load on to the his right followed the last load on to the boat, he found Maj. Crewet raging over boat, he found Maj. Crewet raging over blast defeat and bestowing his wrath on the branch has defeat and bestowing his wrath on the branch has defeat and bestowing his wrath on the branch has defeat and bestowing his wrath on the branch has defeat and bestowing his wrath on the branch has defeat and bestowing his wrath on the branch has defeat and bestowing his wrath on the branch has defeat and bestowing his wrath on the branch has defeat and bestowing his wrath on the branch has defeat and bestowing his wrath on the branch has defeat and bestowing his wrath on the branch has defeat and bestowing his wrath on the branch has been been branch has been the branch has been been branch has bee

made of rock or of iron? Don't you know fusion and disorder. You are evidently not we've got a load of ammunition? Lay used to the command of men, sir. Lieut. those things down as easy as if there was Graham, take command of the deck there, a percussion shell under them, as there is, and get rid of that horrible disorder at

Elsewhere we publish an appeal signed and carry them over to the starboard. Too are under way.

know your position as a non-commi-

officer better than that, sir? Si choked down enough heat to have easily moved the Lorena's engines, and easily moved the should be attentively considered by our obediently put on his blouse and buttoned

readers. The situation is peculiarly ur-The Court would simply decide that when Congress said A it meant A, and siderable drift of veterans and their familles to the coast of Texas to escape the clothes and shoes, and hereafter show a from the hurricane down. strenuous climate of the North, which proper soldierly neatness. It is disgrace they could not withstand as well as in the country of the cou their younger days. Few of these immigrants had any considerable means-most the best branch of the service, the flower of them not more than would take them of the army, sir, where we do not tolerate the slackness and slovenliness of other

> left destitute in a strange land, far from no share in it, and distressing fear that he might be prevented from going with the boys, and their boat pull off without him In the distribution of the relief which He had his things placed convenient, and was meditating snatching them up and making a rush for the boat, if no other

> hands of prominent citizens, who will ears, "you ain't going to leave me behind,

are you?"
"No, no; you're all right," Shad assured
him. "We'll get you off somehow."
"I presume, Lieutenant," said the Colonel, as Shad entered and saluted in severely correct fashion, "that that upstart of an Ordnance fellow will be so cut by the Secretary's order that he will leave the boat to the command of his subordinate, whom you will rank, and therefore the Engineers will have charge of the boat, as they prop-erly should. It is true that you are but an acting Lieutenant, but that should make no difference with them. An officer of Engineers always outranks any other officer of the same grade. I always insist upon a Sergeant of Engineers outranking a volunteer Lieutenant. As for these Ord-nance fellows, they are only mechanics, at best, and really should not have commisions. You will command the boat. I wish I had someone of higher rank to send but you'll do. Insist Poon your position, "But, Colonel," interposed Shad, wh interposed Shad, who

was determined that Maj. Crewet should not command the boat, "have you changed your mind about going in command? You know how important it will be to have an officer of the highest ability and experi ence, especially since all this ammunit is going on the same boat. I know it. I know it. But I cannot leave my post here. I have no one to

leave in charge except my clerks. I an going to rely upon you to get the beat through quickly and safely." "But, Colonel, Secretary Stanton expects you to take command. His order

clainly indicates that." O, old Stanton always wants verything that is at all difficult or respon sible," answered the Golonel, with a visible swelling of the breast. "He happens to know a good deal of what I have done, and I'll give him credit of having a lawyerlike ability for recognizing the kind of me he has to deal with. He occasionally abuses the Engineer Corps, like the rest of but he knows that they can be de pended on. But I'm not going, even if Stanton dees want me. I know where I ought to be and what I ought to do quite as well as he does. I'll send you. He can't whip me around the country as he

"But, Colonel," ventured Shad desper "But, Colones, ventured Shad desper-ately, "Maj. Crewet thinks that he is to go in command. He is commanding now. He will soon cast off, and be gone. He is playing that this is an Ordnance expedition, and the Engineers are merely his helpers and servants. You just ought to see the way he is carrying on. There, you can see him on the boat now. giving his orders."

but he ventured no expostulation. He took as if the first opportunity to say quietly to her.

Maj. Crewet was still blistering every-body in sight with stinging condemnation. stiff off them cars and on to that boat, and the boat started before any other orders come. Everybody jump, now, and keep it up, until we're out o' reach o headquarters."

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Guess nobody's going to countermand Secretary Stanton's orders," remarked Shad, the latter having come down under servant with his luggage and Shorty and Shad, the latter having come down under pretense of receiving final instructions.

Their work well done, their end accomplished, and cheery over the swift pace their boat was making, the boys settled themselves down to gossip over the situat they were going directly into the servant with his luggage and Shorty and Shad, the latter having come down under pretense of receiving final instructions.

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Serg't Dye, what's the matter with you?

Why are you allowing that? Lay them down easy, I tell you."

The result of this order was several mashed fingers, at which the Major railed: "Of course, you clamsy louts, you will burt yourselves. Wonder that you don't manded Shad in severally official tones.

side. The boat's listing. Pick them up and carry them over to the starboard. Too much noise and confusion down there. Serg't Dye, you must have more order."

Just then his eye (ell on Si.

"Serg't Klegg, I am amazed at you, sir," he shouted. "What are you doing side. The boat's listing. Pick them up to lose. You can arrange matters while we have not a moment to lose. You can arrange matters while we have not a moment to lose. You can arrange matters while we have not a moment to lose. You can arrange matters while we have not a moment to lose. You can arrange matters while we have not a moment to lose. You can arrange matters while we have not a moment to lose. You can arrange matters while we have upon to remain in command. Now that they had passed Louisville he could not come into communication with Washington until this load enough to make sure that the boat should stop some hours to give the condition. of the Grand Army of the Republic and that guise, sir? Put on your blouse at wreck herself. Very dangerous, indeed, to once, sir, and button it up. Don't you attempt to run her this way. Bring those On the other hand, in all blong years back there forward, and shift of service, Col. Bonesteel had really never anchors back there forward, and said to had an actual command of the importance ly fired at me," ejaculated the Colonel, those heavy timbers from starboard to had an actual command of the importance ly fired at me," ejaculated the Colonel, the containing the co port, and get her on an even keel."

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voice of official harshness, "set 20 men to reau man, an inspector of drawings, revis-work carrying those anchors forward on to er of computations, digester of reports, the forecastic. Set 20 more to shifting maker of official papers, and naturally those timbers to the other side. Set 20 became a theorist and a stickler as to more to pile up that small stuff neatly. how things should be done, and not a doer Find some brooms, and sweep the decks of things himself. The importance of his

"Very good, sir," said Si, saluting.
"Very good men, those of yours, Lieusaid the Colonel, noting the alactenant. rity with which they set about their tasks. "Very competent and willing. Not the men to be banged about and abused by every inexperienced bureaucrat that hapens to come along."
This last was apparently sotto voce, but

quite loud enough for the Major to hear. "Orderly," continued the Colonel, sharply. "Yes, sir," said Shorty, saluting.

"Have my things taken up to the large state-room on the larboard side, further end, that they call the bridal chamber, and put in there. Have Julius arrange room for me, dusting it out, putting fresh sheets on the bed, plenty of fresh towels, and so on." This roused the Major to the first speech

since the Colonel had come aboard. "Excuse me, Colonel," he said, with icy hauteur, "but that is my room. I selected it when I first came aboard, and when the

boat was assigned to me."

The Colonel adjusted his glasses, and looked at the Major with a stare that tried to express astonishment that "a mere Ordnance fellow" should presume to have rights or privileges that conflicted with an Engineer's wishes. "Major," he remarked frostily, "in the number of things in the Army Regulations which seem unfamiliar to you, you seem to have specially over-looked that paragraph which gives the rather makes it obligatory upon him to occupy them. I recommend that you look situation. Now, I must arrange the routhis matter up. I must have the quarters tine of duties—no, I shall leave my Execu-I have designated, and also those rooms immediately adjoining, for the accommodation of my staff, Licut. Graham, Serg't the commander of the vessel I shall take Klegg and my Orderly here, with whom I my meals alone, in the ladies' cabin, and must be in constant communication. You will promptly have removed any property belonging to you to other rooms which you may select toward the forward end of the

His back being toward the Colonel Shad Graham was able to furnish Si and Shorty

ertainly have some rights. I was special-

was assigned to me, and I was put in command of her for a special duty. I cannot be displaced even by your ranking me." "If you will refer to the telegraphic order from the Secretary of War, a copy of which was furnished you, you will discover that the command of the boat and the expedition was expressly given to the senio officer, which I happen to be. You will therefore proceed to carry out my instruc-

"You are making a wholly unwarranted stretch of your authority, sir," said the Major, shaking with rage. "As an Engineer officer you are specially prohibited from exercising command over troops."
"Hump, fine argument that, for an Ordnance fellow to make," snorted the Colo-"How dare you, who are only one of the artificers-yes, sir, mere artificers-

presume to exercise authority that you claim is not given to the most highly-educated branch of the service? But this discussion before the men is highly improper I notify you, sir, that I am in command nd that you must govern yourself accord ingly."
"I shall report this to the Bureau," said

the cartridge maker, the upstart. Thinks ly, turning to walk about the boat. "You But sit down here, Lieutenant, and assist because he's risen from Lieutenant to Ma- will find a telegraph office at the head of me in preparing regular orders for gov for in two years that he's something won-derful. Never commanded 100 men before in his life. Never commanded anything, we can stop long enough for you to send a After dinner Si improved the time by

once. Is everything aboard?"

A capacious wink appeared in Shad's eye, directed at Si, Shorty and Jake Dye, but they kept their faces like wood, while enjoyment of the trip, except Maj. Crewet municate any orders to them from Shad. and Col. Bonesteel.

The Major locked himself up in the of Si.

"Everything is aboard, sir," answered Si, stiffly saluting Shad.

"Everything is aboard, sir," communicated Shad, turning and saluting the Colonel.

"Very good," answered the Colonel.

"Cast off the lines at once, and give the order to start. We have not a moment to the forecastle. Don't you see the boat's cated Shad, turning and saluting the Colomber of the head already? Pick them all up and carry them back on to the fantail. Here, you're getting entirely too many of those finbers on the larboard order to start. We have not a moment to cared an order relieving him from the boat

> of that to which he had accidentally acment, 125 good men, a great quantity of important supplies, and a swift, stanch steamboat. It was a command quite worthy of even a Colonel of Engineers. It was a command that it behooved him to exercise in a way that would be a pattern and Jake to load and be ready."
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> "Lieutenant," admonished the Colonel, "Lieutenant," That is not the propwould illustrate his favorite ideas on the subject, to the general advancement military science. He meditated eagerly over these things in the spacious accom-modations of the "Bridal Chamber," and began the formulation of a routine of mar should be the rule in the army.

"Having many more than a company of men," he ruminated, "I can properly con stitute a battalion, which, with the mo tive power of the boat, and her valuable ores, will make a fitting command for a Colonel. Lieut. Graham shall be my Executive Officer, this Indiana Sergeant, who seems to be an intelligent, sensible soldier, shall command the right company, the Ohio Sergeant, who is with Crewet, shall command the left company, and my Orderly, who seems to be a model sol-dier, shall be my Adjutant. Maj. Crewet, if he behaves himself, and accepts the sit-nation, shall be the second in command. commanding officer absolute right to the lf he does not I shall put him in arrest best and most commodious quarters, and I'd rather he would do something to war I'd rather he would do something to war tive Officer to do that, subject to my approval-and the hours for meals, etc. dine in the center cabin. Maj. Crewe and Lieut. Graham shall constitute in mess. By rights the Captains of the right and left companies should be in the mess, but as they are only non-commissioned officers I shall have to constitute a nonommissioned officers' mess for the smokwith a wink that approached a comical ing-cabin, forward. Heavens, what's the leer, but as they faced the Colonel they meaning of that disturbance? Orderly had to maintain a wooden immobility of Desire Lieut. Graham to come to me im

mediately."

The disturbance had been caused by the boat's cook coming to the outside of the kitchen, pounding on the thin, resonant boards with a long iron spoon, and shout-ing "Grub pile," after the manner of y assigned to this boat, or rather the boat steamboat cooks notifying the deck hands that their meal was ready. The hungry youngsters made a noisy rush in response. Shad Graham explained this to t

"Exceedingly unmilitary! Disreputable to the last degree," snorted the Colonel "Not to be tolerated for an instant on one of the Government's vesseds. Lieutenant, you will see that it is stopped, and the meal calls properly beaten by the drum-

But we have neither drummer nor drum, Colonel."
"Then you will have them sounded by

"But we have neither bugle nor bugler." "Shameful, sir. Why did you allow the coat to leave without these necessary ad-"We have not had any drums or bugles in the Engineers, Colonel, and this is but a detachment of men, without regular or-ganization, and so not provided with mu-

sicians. "Too bad. Very well, then. You will

This was an that was necessary. The Colonel's face flamed with anger. "He's under the outward calm of official comtaken command, has he? He's giving orders to my men, is he? The powder-miller, "As you please," said the Colonel, calm-them to the place in an orderly manner, calmthem to the place in an orderly manner,
"You But sit down here, Lieutenant, and assist

After dinner Si improved the time by I'll show him. Orderly, go to my hotel and tell my man to pack my things in a traveling bag, and come at once to the boat with them. Lieutenant, you will stay here in charge of the office."

This was a startler for Shad, who was as determined as anybody to get to the front. His face was blank for an instant, but he ventured no expostulation. He took the first opportunity to say quietly to her.

After dinner Si improved the time by getting his men together and beginning the arduous work of licking them into shaps methods, which the men could perfectly understand, the boat was speedily put to rights, cleaned from hurricane to boiler deck, and, trim upon her keel, she went through the locks with no delay, and was speeding down the broad "Lower Ohio" as fast as her powerful engines could drive the first opportunity to say quietly to her. "Now," set Si, with the manner that came over him when his biggest things were to be done, "everybody off with his coat and roll up his sleeves. Let's get that stuff off them cars and on to that boat, and the boat started before any others."

In the Colonel presently made a tour of inspection, followed at the proper distance in inspection, followed at the proper distance them, dividing the men up into squads under Monty, Gid, Harry, Sandy, All Russell, Pete, and some veterans return faction with everything.

Their work wall don't have been turned is on some previous trip, and remained uncalled-for. He got these out and inspection, followed at the proper distance them, dividing the men up into squads under Monty, Gid, Harry, Sandy, All Russell, Pete, and some veterans return faction with everything.

Maj. Crewet was still blistering every-

Shad with him all afternoon and far inte the night elaborating his orders. Shad only got occasional opportunities to get out and mingle with the boys when he was arranging the momentous matters of the messes. The Colonel dined by himself in demn state, in full uniform, in the ladies cabin, at 6 p. m., with Shorty standing stiffly at attention in absolute neatness of uniform, clean-shaved, white collar and gloves, and shoes carefully shined.

Maj. Crewet, who remained most of the

time sulking in his room, dined with Shad Graham in the middle cabin, at 3 p. m., while Si, Jake Dye and Shorty had their while Si, Jake Dye and Shorty had their dinner at 1 o'clock in the forward cabin, "I'm glad I aint no higher in rank," remarked Shorty, "for 1 o'clock's just the very last minute I can wait for my dinner. I suppose that when the Colonel's a Major-General he won't dine until next

The Colonel was still working on his neries when they reached Paducah the next afternoon, and taking on another pilot, turned up into the winding Tennessee.
"Boys," said Shad to Si and Jake Dye, after he had carried out the Colonel's orders to constitute two companies, "now that we are in the Tennessee we're liable to have a little hullabaloo any minute. Better issue about 10 rounds to each man, and have them ready to use. Keep your men out of sight as much as possible, for I want to work a little twist on these guerrillas. They're signaling this boat already, and sending messengers across these big bends ahead of us. Don't show any more men than you can help, and none

south bank of the river attentively. He had caught occasional glimpses of gallopsmoothness of its surface.

It was the first time that most of the deck. The Major was doing the same on the larboard side. Si and Jake Dye had their men crouching behind the timbers and frames piled up amidships, and

"Shorty," said Shad loud enough for the pilot to hear, "get your gun, and manded Shad, in severely official tones, state-room, whither he had removed his stand there, where you can keep your eye of Si.

"Some fool's fired too soon," muttered Shad.

"I declare, I believe that fellow actual-"He certainly did, Colonel," answered Shad, "and came mighty near hitting you,

The Colonel's face flushed with ure. Here was an adventure. He was of things himself. The importance of his actually under fire, and had narrowly es-command grew upon him as the boat sped caped. He inflated his chest and assumed along over the smooth water. Here he a Napoleonic attitude on the farthest point had under him, including Crewet's detachanother shot. Not to be outdone, Major came up on the other side of the deck, folded his arms and stood sternly

> be more military. That is not the prop er way to give orders. Never call any-body by his first name."
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> The boat had turned a high, sharp

point, and was running into the deep washore, by a curving with a little shelf of level ground at its velous cor elexity and iron exactness and rigidity. Inasmuch as he was upon the water, he would combine what he knew of naval discipline with that he fancied loud voice from the woods, and they saw just ahead of them a shining brass cannon, with the cannoneers standing about,

and near them a company of dismounted orsemen with guns leveled.
"Pilot, put her nose square into the bank there, just below that cannon," com-manded Shad. "Harry, tell Si and Jake to make the rush the second the boat's nose strikes. Pilot, keep the engines go-ing, and let the current swing her side against the bank.

"And be damned sure you do," added Shorty, cocking his gun and covering the The instant the boat's prow jarred

Si leading, which went over the boat's quarter and up the bank so tumultuously that the astounded rebels could only fire a nervous volley, and rush for their horses. The cannon did not go off at all. It was an abandoned one, which the guerrillas had picked up and used for "demonstra-

Gaining the top of the bluff the boys poured a volley after the flying rebels which killed three, wounded a number which killed three, wounded a number more, and brought down several horses, "Very well done, Lieutenant," exciaim-ed the Colonel as soon as he could recover his breath, after his run up the bank after the boys—a more rapid ment than he had made for years. have executed my orders admirably and won a complete victory. And you, too, Serg't Klegg, and Corp'l Elliott. I shall mention you all in my report of handsome little affair."

"You have done very well, indeed, org't Dye," said the Major, who had Serg't Dye." something of the s ering his breath. of the same difficulty in recov-breath. "I shall take great pleasure in commending you to the De-partment for the manner in which you ex-

ecuted my orders.' (To be continued.)

Capt. John George Brown, for 36 years Clerk in the Record and Pension Diciion of the War Department, died Nov. at the age of 64. He had been an officer in the British army, but left it and came to this country, and enlisted in the Regular Army. He subsequently became a Sergeant in the 175th N. Y., and was severely wounded. While in the hospital was appointed a clerk in the War Department, where he remained ever after. He was a member of Lincoln Post, G. A.

pointed Counselor of the American Legation at Pekin, to assist Mr. Conger in

Commissioner Rockhill has been ap-